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Title: Pest Alarm

Theme: When the alarm goes off, run away from sin.

Object: Garden pest alarm with high frequency sound and flashing light.

Text: Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

This Bible verse says that if we memorize God’s word, the Bible, it will keep us from falling into sin.

Now sin is when we disobey God’s commandments.

And where do we find God’s commandments? We find them in the Bible.

Some of the most important of God’s commandments are called the 10 commandments.

Where do we find the 10 commandments? We find them in the Bible starting at Ex 20:3

What do the 10 commandments say? You need to know God’s commandments. [review all 10]

The reason it is important to know God’s commandments is so we don’t disobey them, because when we disobey them, that’s sin.

And God doesn’t want us to sin because sin destroys our relationship with God.

I brought in my bag this morning a pest repeller: It’s the VOLADOR Motion Activated Ultrasonic Animal Repeller Wild Animal and Pest Deterrent. It Scares away dogs, cats, squirrels, rats, raccoons, foxes, rodents, rabbits, and more.

[Explain how it works: solar powered, motion activated, ultrasonic alarm, flashing lights. Animals can hear the ultrasonic frequencies and it scares them away. But the frequencies are really too high for me to hear.]

I bought this because I thought a rabbit or groundhog was eating my broccoli and kale in the garden.

I was hoping that when they hear the alarm and see the flashing lights they will run away and not come back.

And it seems to be working!

If we hide God’s word in our hearts and know His commandments, it can work like this pest repeller.

When Satan comes around to tempt us to do wrong, an alarm inside our brain goes off and says: “Hold on! Stop! Don’t do that! Don’t tell that lie, don’t steal that pencil, don’t disobey your parents.”

If you do, you’ll be sinning against God. You don’t want to do that!

So I hope you’ll remember God’s commandments and do your very best to keep them.

But what happens if the alarm goes off in your brain and you don’t get out of there in time, and you disobey God.

The bad news is that you’ve sinned and the penalty for sin is death.

But here’s the good news: Jesus died for your sins so that you could be forgiven.

So if you ever disobey God, remember to pray and tell Jesus you’re sorry, and ask Him to forgive you.

If you love Jesus and trust Him as your Savior and Lord, He will forgive you and take away your sin.

Then when Jesus comes back, He’ll give you eternal life instead of eternal death.

Does that sound good to you?

Let’s ask Jesus to be our Savior so we can all go with Him to heaven when He comes back for us.